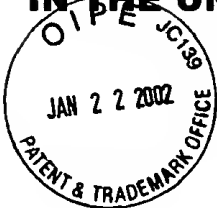


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amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 16-21, without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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5. The method of allowing bypass of a ring signal in a voice  
messaging system according to claim 4, wherein said answering comprises:

playing an outgoing greeting message to a caller associated with  
said incoming call without requiring reception of any ring signal relating to said  
incoming call; and

allowing said caller to record a voice message.



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